

THE SEDER AT ELLIS ISLAND

PASSOVER CEREMONY FOR THE JEWISH IMMIGRANTS.

More Visitors From Manhattan Than Newcomers at the Seder Service—Much of the Seder Was Devoted to the Youngest Son—Speeches of Welcome to America.

There were not many Jewish immigrants at Ellis Island last night to partake of the Seder which was arranged for their benefit by the United Hebrew Quarters, but they were reinforced by about one hundred and fifty visitors from Manhattan.

The latter occupied all the tables set for the ceremony except one long one which was placed close to the wall under a huge American flag. The immigrants—twenty-three men, eight women, four small girls and a babe in arms—were ranged in a meek row facing the seven golden candlesticks behind which sat Rabbi Adolph Radine.

The men eyed the Manhattanites curiously and conversed in subdued but eager whispers, but the women looked depressed, and two of them wept bitterly throughout the proceedings.

Owing to the fact that so large a number were participating in the service, some of the more elaborate ceremonies, such as the washing of hands, were omitted, but all seemed, except the immigrant women, somewhat imbued with the joyous spirit of the feast.

Filling a glass with wine brought from Palestine, the rabbi intoned the sanctification of Kiddush, after which the guests partook of wine. Then lifting up a plate of unleavened bread the rabbi pronounced the invitation to the Passover, commencing, "This is the bread of affliction," and filled the second cup of wine.

At this point no less a person became the chief factor in the ceremony than Benjamin Axtelrod, the hero of eight stayaway voyages from Russia to New York, and the victim of seven deportations.

To Benjamin was assigned the part of "the youngest son" who asks the rabbi why this night is distinguished from all other nights—why on all other nights it is permitted to eat leavened bread, while on Passover night only unleavened bread is provided; why only bitter herbs are provided on Passover night, and why every one is obliged to recline while eating and drinking.

The last part of the question was somewhat superfluous, because the guests were in upright positions, and they were not, as the Talmud commands, provided with staves. However, Benjamin stuck to his text, and the rabbi answered him with an intoned narrative of the deliverance from Egypt, and the long, wearisome journey to the promised land, in which the congregation joined at irregular intervals. The immigrants, with the utmost seriousness, and diligently followed the lines in the books which had been given to them.

Next came the "Dayenu," a recitative of the miracles performed by Jehovah for the benefit of the Israelites, and after each verse the congregation joined in the refrain, "Dayenu." "It would have been sufficient," and a paste made of apples, raisins, nuts, sugar and cinnamon, into which was dipped horseradish, which did service for the bitter herb, followed, and the congregation chanted, "Blessed be thou, O Eternal, God, King of the universe, who hast sanctified us with Thy commandments, and commanded us to eat bitter herbs."

With a long sigh which breathed consciousness of duty well done every one turned to chicken soup and matzo dumplings and hard-boiled eggs (the egg because of its propensity to roll aimlessly about, is a symbol of the general instability of human affairs) and roast goose and oranges and apples and grapes and tea and grape brandy and more of the wine which came all the way from Palestine.

Then Dr. David Blaustein, formerly president of the Educational Alliance, made a speech of welcome to the immigrants, which was received with enthusiastic applause, and Max Meyer, Dr. Freigebauer and Joseph Barndine, and Albert S. Schomer and Joseph Masel did likewise and were likewise applauded to the echo.

A man and a woman from the row of immigrants thanked the speakers, and then immigration officers with formidable brass buttons appeared upon the scene and told the persons who didn't belong on this island to get out of the room.

The weeping women had acquired more cheerful moods by this time and every one seemed happy except Benjamin Axtelrod, who is to be tried again for the second time to come next time by way of Rotterdam and Canada.

Acting Commissioner Joseph Murray, who gave permission for the Ellis Island function, has arranged for a Passover celebration for the immigrants who are on the steamers which have not yet passed quarantine.

BYRAN WATCHFUL OF JOHNSON.

Starts Campaign in Michigan Where Governor Sought Unemployed Delegation.

CHICAGO, April 15.—William Jennings Bryan was in Chicago for forty minutes to-day. He was here long enough to send abroad the impression that his brief visit had knocked the bottom out of the opposition to the Democratic State organization forces, which had planned to hold a rump State convention at Springfield a week from to-morrow.

While here Mr. Bryan held a conference with Charles Rosenheim, chairman of the Democratic State central committee and friend of Roger C. Sullivan, national committee man. From what could be learned he expressed no alarm over leaving his cause in the hands of the State organization.

Bryan was accompanied by Edgar L. Masters and William Frontiers, who have been leading the anti-organization forces. To-day Mr. Masters was not talking fight. "I have no statement to make at this time," said he. "There may be something to give to the public later."

Mr. Bryan met here by Daniel Campbell, the Michigan national committee man, who accompanied him to Grand Rapids where Mr. Bryan is to start a Michigan campaign. He will also speak at Detroit and Lansing. The Johnson boomers are making a contest for unopposed delegates to Michigan.

A letter to Bryan supporters is being sent out from the Johnson headquarters. It is said in this letter that the Johnson men have no quarrel with Bryan. This statement, however, is followed up with this: "There appears to be a tendency to nominate him a third time without considering the prospects of success." The letter ends with the statement that "if the party overrules us we shall be with the party first, last and all the time and for Col. Bryan."

Thomas Taggart of Indiana, chairman of the Democratic national committee was in Chicago to-day. He met National Committee man Sullivan. It was said there was no political significance in Mr. Taggart's visit.

All for Bryan in Illinois.

SULLIVAN, Ill., April 15.—Moultrie county Democrats to-day instructed their seven delegates to the State convention to favor national convention delegates who really favor W. J. Bryan.

PONTIAC, Ill., April 15.—The Democratic county committee of Livingston county met here to-day and after unanimously passing Bryan resolutions elected delegates to the State convention.

STERLING, Ill., April 15.—The Democratic central committee of Whiteside county selected their delegates to the State convention to-day. They are unanimously in favor of Bryan.

TAFT WORKERS HERE.

Robert C. Ogden and Louis Hay Explain Their Purposes.

Robert C. Ogden, the president of the Taft organization of the State of New York, which has offices at 170 Broadway, made a statement yesterday afternoon telling of the purposes of the organization and how it came to be founded. Louis C. Hay, who is chairman of the executive committee, was with Mr. Ogden and occasionally coached the president, so that Mr. Ogden said both were to be credited with what was said.

"This is a volunteer association," said Mr. Ogden, "of the friends of Mr. Taft and is not connected directly or indirectly with any political organization nor with any committee or organization that Mr. Taft has personally created. It is largely composed of men very friendly to Gov. Hughes but who feel that an organized expression of sentiment on behalf of Mr. Taft will be an important guide to the nomination convention. To that end it is accumulating from all parts of the State an enrolment of voters to consider Mr. Taft their first choice for nomination."

"The names are coming in to us in large numbers, although the canvass of the State is as yet very far from complete. What is remarkable is the number of letters that we are receiving asking for enrolment blanks, expressing enthusiasm and offering to work. We have not yet put out any literature except a small leaflet giving a brief sketch of Mr. Taft's career, but may do so later. The names of those who enroll will be published from time to time, and when it is seen what influential men are on the list it cannot fail to have a great influence on the delegates from other States as well as from our own. The publication of this list of names will assure the genuineness of the movement. It has really been a very great surprise to all interested that we have evoked such a mass of public opinion for Mr. Taft."

"Who is financing the movement?" Mr. Ogden was asked.

"No one," he replied emphatically. "It is not being financed by any person, but is supported by spontaneous contributions which are entirely voluntary."

"Will you tell some of these subscribers?"

Mr. Ogden continued, "I will not say that the sentiment for Gov. Hughes is waning. We have but one object, and that is to secure the nomination of Mr. Taft for Gov. Hughes has received the favorite son vote."

When asked how the movement was started Mr. Hay said: "A few admirers of Mr. Taft, who are of the opinion that he is a better man than the present Gov. Hughes, met at luncheon, organized. This luncheon was on Friday, March 13, and there were thirteen in the party. There is not one politician in the committee, but all are solid business men. The Ohio organization had said that it would not interfere in this State, and Mr. Taft in a letter has also expressed himself, so that Mr. Taft could not come here and the Republican organization could do nothing. There is a sentiment in this State for Mr. Taft which we are bringing to light."

Mr. Hay was asked to what extent Federal officeholders had subscribed to the Taft organization, and he declared that not one had.

Bay State District Indorses Taft.

BOSTON, April 15.—At the eighth district convention held in Somerville late this afternoon Taft preference resolutions were adopted. Samuel J. Elder and Edward Gilman were selected as delegates to the national convention.

CLOSED SHOP IN ILLINOIS.

Agreed That Union Men Shall Stay Out of Non-Association Mines.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 15.—The joint scale committee of the coal operators and miners decided to-day to report in favor of the closed shop; that is, that members of the Miners' Union shall not work in mines which are not owned by members of the Illinois Coal Operators' Association.

The question of who shall pay the shot firers was left to a subcommittee of three miners and three operators, who shall report to the joint scale committee.

It is probable that a joint convention of miners and operators will convene here to-morrow afternoon to ratify the scale committee's report. The scale is the same as last year.

EXPRESS RATES CUT UNDER LAW.

American, United States and Pacific Accept Nebraska's New Statute.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 15.—Three express companies—the American, the United States and the Pacific—reduced rates 25 per cent. to-day in conformity with the Sibley act. This measure went into effect in obedience to an order of the Supreme Court issued last week.

Officers of the Adams Express Company said that they had not been authorized to cut rates. They said they had been asked to-day by the Supreme Court to modify the decree. He declared that the decree was indefinite. This motion will be argued on Tuesday next.

Building Trades Employers Election.

The Building Trades Employers Association announced yesterday that it has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President Isaac A. Hopper; first vice-president, C. G. Norman; second vice-president, Bond Thomas; treasurer, A. N. Chambers; chairman of the board of governors, Ross F. Tucker. The only officer reelected is Isaac A. Hopper, who has been in the office since 1901. Ross F. Tucker, however, has been in office before, having been first vice-president for one term.

Bulletin.

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DR. A. B. McDOWELL A SUICIDE

CUTS HIS THROAT WHILE HOLDING WIFE'S PICTURE.

Believed to Have Been a Son of Major-Gen. McDowell, but a Friend Thinks Not—Had Been Melancholy, Though His Practice Was Good—Curious Will.

Dr. Alexander B. McDowell, a surgeon, said to be a son of the late Major-General Irvin McDowell, the civil war leader, killed himself yesterday afternoon by cutting his throat with a razor at his home, 119 West 129th street. In the same hand with the razor he had a photograph of his wife, who died five years ago at the birth of his son, Alexander McDowell, Jr.

Dr. McDowell returned from visiting a patient a little before 4 o'clock and sent the child out to play in company with his nurse, Helen Han. Then he asked Miss Elizabeth Purcell, the housekeeper, to call Dr. Henry C. Hazen of 86 West Fifty-sixth street and tell him to come to the house right away. Miss Purcell was unable to get Dr. Hazen and presently she was attracted to Dr. McDowell's room on the ground floor by a low groan. She found the doctor lying face down on the floor bleeding at the throat.

"Only for that strychnine," he said rather indistinctly. "Call a doctor, quick. I'm dying."

Miss Purcell ran across the street and got Dr. N. E. Lancaster, but Dr. McDowell was dead when he arrived. Coroner Dooley could find no traces of strychnine. Dr. McDowell's throat was badly lacerated and the jugular vein was severed. He lay in front of a large mirror, and two razors were on the bureau open, besides the one held in his left hand with the picture. Miss Purcell said that she frequently had been alarmed by seeing a large surgical knife which Dr. McDowell kept under his pillow while he slept. Coroner Dooley found a will signed by the doctor on April 13, 1907. It had been written on letter paper rolled into a packet not larger than a postage stamp and placed in a purse. It left the estate to the son and appointed Mrs. A. M. Crobie of 110 Edoon avenue, Atlantic City, executrix, and if she died before the boy became of age her daughter, Mrs. William A. de Lario, of 47 West Ninth street, was asked to serve. Frank B. Keach and Dr. Hazen as alternates.

Mr. Keach said at his home, 14 East Sixty-fifth street, that Dr. McDowell was the son of the soldier and that he had attended West Point with him in the class of 1860. He said that McDowell was appointed to the military academy by President Cleveland. McDowell resigned and afterward was graduated from the Columbian Medical School, Washington, in 1891. Dr. McDowell served for a time as a surgeon in the United States Marine Corps and the Marine Hospital and came to New York three years ago from England. He served in the New York Infant Asylum and had been a consulting surgeon at the West Side German Hospital clinic. He was a member of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Hazen said that he couldn't understand why Dr. McDowell had taken his life. He had known him for ten years and believed that the act was caused by acute melancholia. Dr. W. Ross Thompson of 118 West 130th street, another friend who had known Dr. McDowell a long time, was of the same opinion. He said that the surgeon did not use drugs and was not a drinking man. He said he understood that Dr. McDowell's father was a surgeon and that if the doctor was a son of Gen. McDowell he had never told him about it. There was a rumor that Dr. McDowell was unable to sleep and often had paced the floor all night. She said that he had been melancholy and of late had been drinking heavily, though yesterday he was himself.

It was his impression that Dr. McDowell had lived in Richmond, Va., before coming to New York and that he owned considerable real estate in Galveston, Tex. Coroner Dooley outside of a small amount of money found nothing of value. According to the information the Coroner got Dr. McDowell had a large sum of money in the house a man came to the door hurriedly and said:

"I want to see Dr. McDowell quickly, please. There is sickness at home. It will be impossible for you to see Dr. McDowell," the housekeeper replied. "He is dead."

After that Policeman Foudner stood at the door and told other patients who called. Dr. McDowell was 44 years old.

MRS. KUBELIK HERE.

Stormy Passage After a Visit to the Twins Near Budapest.

Mrs. Kubelik, wife of Jan Kubelik, the violinist, arrived here yesterday on the steamship Kronprinz Wilhelm. Capt. Nierich said that the voyage was one of the stormiest in his experience and declared Mrs. Kubelik to be a most accomplished woman sailor. Mrs. Kubelik was the only woman to go on deck during the gales, and she said her only regret was that her husband was not with her, as he would have got an idea for a new symphony if he had heard the wind and the waves.

Mrs. Kubelik was at Castle Bychov near Budapest, to see the Kubeliks twins, Mary and Ann, now two years old. She goes to join her husband at once in Montreal and travel with him to Vancouver and Australia. Erna Muller, a singer, accompanied Mrs. Kubelik, and will travel to Australia with her.

John J. McNally, the writer of musical comedies, was two passengers on the Kronprinz Wilhelm. He has been in London conferring with Charles Frohman about a new opera. He said he had been engaged by Mr. Frohman to adapt "The Girls of Gutterburg" for American production. This is now one of the big successes in London.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

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TAMAULIPAS TREMBLES.

Earthquake for Three Weeks 1,300 Miles From Mexico's Earthquake Region.

MEXICO CITY, April 15.—Severe earthquake shocks are still being felt at Mir, Tamaulipas and places in the State of Tamaulipas, according to advices received by the meteorological department of the Government. These tremblings began about three weeks ago and were first felt at Mir, which is situated about five miles off the Texas border.

Since then many more shocks have been felt at that place and the disturbed territory has enlarged until a number of small towns are embraced within its area.

During the last three days the shocks have been unusually severe and the terror of the inhabitants has increased to a point where many of them have vacated the buildings and are sleeping outdoors.

It is the fourth time in the history of seismic disturbances in Mexico that they have been felt in that part of the country.

It is 1,300 miles from Mir to the recognized earthquake belt of Mexico.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 15.—Five distinct earthquake shocks were felt early this morning at Milford, Utah, 200 miles south of here. Houses were shaken and people ran from their homes in alarm, but no serious damage is reported. The shocks were felt also at Newhouse, Utah.

SOLD LOOT AND STOLE IT AGAIN.

A Trick of "The Forty Thieves" Now Laid by the Heels in Jersey City.

Twenty-year-old leader of a gang of youthful robbers calling themselves "The Forty Thieves," came to grief in Jersey City yesterday. His capture was due to the peaching of four self-confessed young burglars who said they were tired of Taggart's arbitrary reign and told where the captain could be found.

For several months Taggart and his subjects, boys whose ages range from 16 to 20, have been having the time of their lives robbing stores and houses in the Second precinct. Uniformed cops were unable to catch them and householders in the terrorized district slept with guns and clubs under their pillows.

Capt. James P. Larkins of the Detective Bureau detailed Detectives Blackhawk and Coyle to the task of running down the thieves, and they arrested Aleck Kordelek, John Truchan, John Baronski and Stanley Nordelek, whom they charged with participation in ten robberies. Each boy admitted that he was a member of "The Forty Thieves," Tom Taggart, captain.

Taggart, a blond, always acted as a "lookout," and conspired the rest of the gang to do the actual breaking and thieving. He kicked and cuffed the smaller boys if they didn't do the work to suit him and was a hard breaker. On more than one occasion they said, Taggart punched his subjects and took away from them their share of loot. The boys declared that the captain always planned all robberies and decided where they should be made. "Get on the job," all their thieving was done at night.

Capt. Larkins learned that Taggart sold a lot of stolen goods to a man, and on the following night he and his gang broke into the place and carried off the stuff.

"The Forty Thieves" made their headquarters in a cellar known as "The Ship" in Morgan street.

The leader and his men will be arraigned this morning in the First Criminal Court.

FALLS DEAD WHEN ARRESTED.

Aged Scientist, Charged With Embezzlement, May Have Taken Poison.

PHILADELPHIA, April 15.—Herbert L. Heyl, an old scientist, for twenty-five years actuary of the Franklin Institute, dropped dead to-day in the hallway of his home after a warrant charging him with embezzling \$12,000 of the institute's funds had been served on him. The period of pecculation extends over ten years and the amount taken may reach \$50,000.

There is reason to suppose that, taking advantage of the deputy sheriff's permission to eat breakfast, Heyl prepared poison and took it with his food.

A few minutes after 7 o'clock John G. Murphy, a deputy, went to the Heyl home and was shown into the parlor. A moment later Heyl entered and Murphy told him of the warrant.

Heyl smiled, then asked Murphy to tell the purpose of his visit to the other inmates of the house, adding: "I've not eaten since breakfast, and with your permission I will get it."

Heyl ate a hearty meal and then went upstairs. He returned in a minute, put on his hat and announced that he was ready to go. Then he turned and called to his sisters, who were upstairs, and two of them responded.

"I'm under arrest and in this man's custody," these words he said and he turned when he pitched headlong to the floor. He was dead when he picked up.

Dr. Clinton Guthrie, an old friend of the family, who was called, said death was due to heart failure, as reported to a coroner. The coroner will make an autopsy.

THIEVES CLEAN OUT A BARN.

Get Away With Eight Horses and the Fixings Over in Peaceful Queens.

A raid by a band of horse thieves that sounds like a tale from the wild and woolly occurred in the village of Winfield in the second ward of the borough of Queens early yesterday morning. Contractor Theodore Klein's barns were cleaned out of eight horses, five sets of double harness, three single sets of harness, blades, fixings, various sorts and one brand new top wagon that stood in the wagon shed.

Contractor Klein put his loss at \$2,500. He says the only thing they left behind was the barn and they might as well have carted that along, too, as he has no further use for it. Attempts were made to break into a number of other places in that vicinity about 2 o'clock that morning.

FAGAN'S AN UNDERTAKER NOW.

Expects to Have an Easter Time Making a Living Than He Did as Mayor.

Ex-Mayor Mark M. Fagan of Jersey City took an examination yesterday before the State Board of Undertakers and Embalmers at the City Hall in that city for a license as a full fledged undertaker. Later he stood a practical test as an embalmer in Commissioner William J. Moran's undertaking establishment.

Mr. Fagan will open a place in Jersey avenue. He said he was sure he would have an easier time in the future earning his living than he had in the six years he was chief executive of the city.

Carnegie Trust Company Restrained.

On the application of counsel for the Oriental Bank Justice Hendrick, in the Supreme Court, signed yesterday an ex parte order restraining the Carnegie Trust Company as trustee under a deed made on June 23, 1907, between the bank, Alexander McDowell and Edmund E. Stallo from selling or otherwise disposing of certain stocks and bonds now held by the trust company as collateral for certain notes of McDonald and Stallo. The bank also filed an undertaking to indemnify the trust company for costs should the suit for permanent injunction be dismissed.

No Extra Charge for It.

Advertisements for THE SUN and THE EVENING SUN may be left at any American District Messenger office in the city.

SHE MARRIED THE AERONAUT

MISS HAWLEY BRIDE OF LEVEE, FRENCH PROFESSIONAL.

And Her Brothers, One of Whom, Alan, Is an Amateur Balloonist. Are Suing Her for \$75,000—Attachment Secured on the Ground That She Is Now in Paris.

The fact that Miss Jeanie M. Hawley, a sister of Alan R. Hawley, the balloonist who has competed in several international balloon races, had been secretly married to Charles Levee, a member of the Aero Club of Paris, was brought out yesterday when Deputy Sheriff Forges received an attachment for \$75,000 against the former Miss Hawley, levied by her two brothers, Alan and William. The attachment was granted on the allegation that Mrs. Levee had left the State, and the fact that she had secretly married Levee on April 7 and sailed for Paris two days later was added.

The amount was alleged to be what Miss Hawley had owed her brothers, who are partners in the brokerage firm of William Hawley & Co., 20 Broad street, for balances due on notes held by them against her and for money advanced her between January 7, 1903, and November 7, 1907. The deputy sheriff served the attachment upon the Fifth Avenue Bank, where Mrs. Levee is supposed to have a balance of more than \$1,000.

Writs of its pendens were filed with the County Clerk yesterday against Mrs. Levee's interest in the property at 22 East Seventy-sixth street, where she lived before her marriage and where the Hawley brothers now reside, and also in realty at 48 West Eleventh street and 57 West Tenth street. Osborne Lamb of 115 Broadway acted as the attorneys for the Hawley brothers.

Alan R. Hawley has gained considerable fame as a balloonist in international competitions both in Europe and this country. He entered the Grand Prix race held under the auspices of the French Aero Club at St. Cloud on July 6 last year. His companion in the balloon at that time was Charles Levee. Although their balloon was an old one Hawley and Levee succeeded in staying up longer than several of the contestants, and they landed in Bavaria fifteen hours after the start. They gained fifth place in point of distance.

While he was completing his qualification of ten balloon trips necessary for entry into the international race held at St. Louis last October Hawley made several trips both from points on the Atlantic coast and about St. Louis. In one flight from Philadelphia, with Arthur T. Atherholt, he got into a gale 7,000 feet up. When he found that he was being blown toward the sea, Hawley dropped his balloon into a creek near Matawan, N. J.

In the St. Louis races Hawley was one of the three Americans to compete for the Lahm trophy. His balloon came down in West Virginia, and he was outdistanced by the two competitors, who landed within a few miles of each other in New Jersey.

Charles Levee came over to this country in advance of Count de la Vaux about a year ago and assisted the Count in several flights. He is known in France as more of a professional balloonist than an amateur.

GEORGE S. SCHOFIELD DEAD.

Killed by a Fall Down Stairs in His Home at Rosebank, Staten Island.

George Starr Schofield died at his home on New York avenue, Rosebank, yesterday morning of injuries received by falling down stairs. He reached home about 2 o'clock yesterday morning. He went to his room on the second floor and then started to go down stairs again. At the head of the stairs he tripped and fell.

Coroner Cahill was notified. Dr. George Ford, the coroner's physician, found that Mr. Schofield had sustained a fracture of the base of the skull.

Mr. Schofield was born on Staten Island in 1861. He was graduated from a private school and then studied law at Columbia, being graduated in the class with former Mayor Seth Low. Mr. Schofield devoted most of his time to real estate practice. He was active as a Republican and for a time was chairman of the Richmond county Republican general committee. When Seth Low was elected Mayor he appointed Mr. Schofield Deputy Commissioner of Water, Gas and Electricity for the Borough of Richmond. Mr. Schofield was one of the founders of the Staten Island Cricket Club, and a member of the Staten Island Golf and Country Club. At one time he was a warden of St. John's Church, Clifton. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Harry Wiman, and one son, George S. Schofield, Jr.

BURST DAM LOSS \$300,000.